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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was held on April 4, 2008 between Examiner Lawrence Laryea and Attorney for Applicant, Ms. Karuna Ojanen, Reg. No. 32484. The Attorney for Applicant inquired about the status of this application because the six month statutory period for reply expires on April 5, 2008.

Examiner Laryea explained that he was seeking the advice of someone in the electrical engineering group who would be more aware of art pertaining to specific claim elements, namely that the ultrasonic probe has a control of origin return for the ultrasonic element unit to the oscillation origin. Examiner Laryea further stated that if people in the electrical engineering group were not aware of relevant art, that the claims would most-likely be allowable.

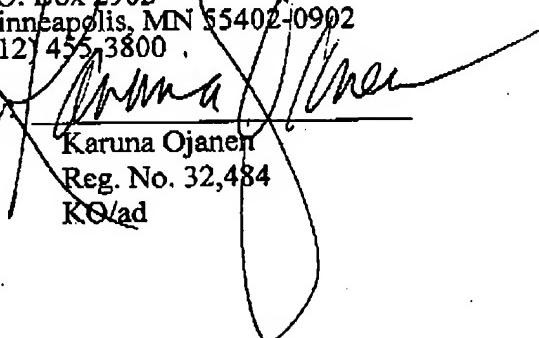
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Examiner Laryea further advised filing a Notice of Appeal or a Request for Continued Examination because he could not guarantee the results would be available or would be favorable for the Applicant before the six month statutory period would expire.

Respectfully submitted,



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